Kunnamkattupathi anicut.

210. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether their attention has been drawn to the existence of a hole in the Kannamkattupathi anicut;

2. how many years since that hole has been formed;

3. whether the existence of that hole will not prejudicially affect the supply of water in the system especially at the time of scarcity?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. There is a very small leakage through the masonry at the extreme left end of the anicut.

2. The exact time of its formation is not known.

3. No, as the leakages can be stopped by puddling up.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will not the existence of this leakage affect prejudicially the stability of the *anicut* especially at the time of floods since it has been left unrepaired?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, no. Not at the time of floods. It will not affect to any appreciable extent; even in times of scarcity also, it would not affect.

Opening of a canal from Vettikadavu.

211. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer has not received a petition dated 5th Chingam 1104 from the people of the villages of Kunnamkulam, Mangad and Porkulam, praying to open a canal extending from Vettikadavu;

(b) whether the receipt of this petition has been acknowledged or the covering letter dated 28th August 1928 forwarding the petitions and if so, to whom and when;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made into the matter referred to in the petiton and if so, what is the result of it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No. It is not generally done. When the enquiry is completed a reply will be given to the petitioner.

(c) The petition is being enquired into.

Construction of a road connecting Nelluvaya road with Thalasseri road.

212. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the necessity of a road connecting Nelluvaya road and the Thalasseri road in the Talappalli Taluk?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

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